

Buildings from the Past

'The Old Workhouse was situated in the middle of the hamlet of Crossgate and stood well back in its own grounds.' (A modern reference would be - at the junction of Milestone Lane and Bacon Lane, opposite Burrell's Farm). It was an important and necessary part of the parochial life. Before the formation of Unions every parish had to make provision for the poor and unemployed within its bounds.



Pinchbeck Workhouse, Crossgate. Demolished 1984.

Old Pinchbeck Notes

What, however, the old workhouse was really like may be best illustrated by the records that were made at the time of its existence and which have recently been unearthed. The following is a transcript of one made in the eighteenth century and dated April 30th, 1790. It was called "an Inventory of the goods and chattels belonging to the Workhouse within the parish of Pinchbeck".

The items are as follows:

(and the spelling is faithful to the original).

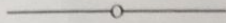
1. In the Kitchin. One pair of tongs, 2 pokers, 3 buckets, one pair of yokes, 2 pairs of Rack Irons, one Brandrith, a pair of bellows, a beef fork, a 4 legged horse, a grate, 2 creepers. one form, a dinner table, 2 tressels, a leaven tub, 2 candlesticks and 2 hand irons.
2. In the Parlour. One corner cupboard, 2 tables, one linen wheel, 11 chairs, 2 creepers.
3. In the High Parlour. 3 bed steads, two feather beds, 4 blankets, two coverlets, two bed matts, one fire grate.
4. In the chamber over the Parlour. 2 bed steads, 2 feather beds, 3 blankets, 2 rugs, 2 bolsters, 2 bed matts, a fire grate.
5. In the little chamber. One bed stead, 2 blankets, 2 coverlets, one bed matt, one bolster.
6. In the great Garrett. 3 bed steads, 2 bed matts, 2 blankets, one coverlet, one bolster.
7. In the chamber over the kitchen. One bed stead, one feather bed, 2 blankets, one coverlet, one bed matt.
8. In the chamber over the Pantry. 2 bed steads, 2 feather beds, 4 blankets, 3 coverlets, 2 bolsters.
9. In the Pantry. One tunnel, one seive, 2 frying pans, one brass pot, 2 iron pots, one pudding bowl, one

warming pan, one lantern, two sauce pans, one salting tub, one table, one cleaver, one tea kettle.

10. In the Scullery. 15 dishes, one ladle, twenty trenchers, 4 wash tubs, one peel.

11. In the Workhouse. One copper and lid, (also 25 sheets and one winding sheet.)

It would appear from this catalogue that our ancestors knew and practised the art of household economy, for there seems to be nothing superfluous, not to say luxurious, in the inventory. Nor could the ratepayers complain that the overseers were spending their money recklessly.



Mrs Tinkler and family outside their cottage in Knight Street (near to where the abattoir is now) before 'The Approach' was built



Mrs Gertie Fox and her two daughters outside their house in Northgate.



Globe Cottages, Church Street, once opposite The Hall, Les Parker is seen with Tom & Peter Bray, 1933.



Glenside South cottages close to Herring Bridge. At one time the home of the Tinkler family.



(Above) This building was affectionately known as 'Tinny' Mews, in Knight Street, approximately where the Co-op now stands.

(Below) Stud Farm, Glenside South. A view from the approach.



(Above) Mr & Mrs Thompson with their three daughters, Grace, Olive & Kath. They had a sweet shop adjoining 'Tinny' Mews' bungalow. Photo taken in 1939.



(Above) An aerial view of Church Street showing clearly Town Farm, which was demolished in the mid 1970's.



(Right) Mr Irelands house and fish and chip shop in Knight Street which was demolished in 1960. Turners' Almhouses were built on the site. Photo taken whilst demolition was in progress.